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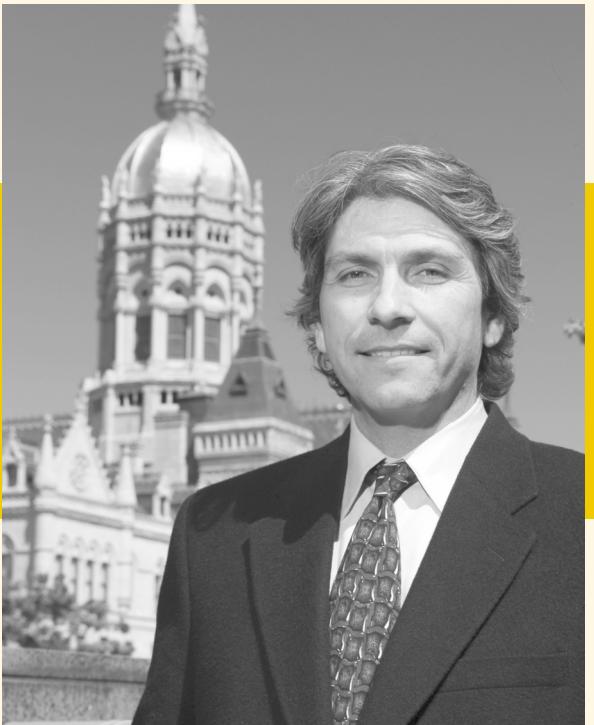
Dear Friend,

It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve as your State Representative for the 44th District in the House of Representatives.

This report briefly covers some of the topics debated and passed during the regular 2006 legislative session, and I hope you will find it informative.

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments regarding state issues, please don't hesitate to call or write.

Very truly yours,

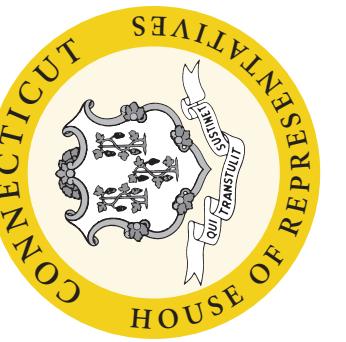


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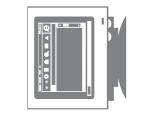
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The State Budget

By the end of this session the General Assembly had approved a \$16 billion state budget that represented a compromise between the legislature and Governor M. Jodi Rell.

The deal includes a phased-out repeal of the corporate surcharge, which many of my colleagues and I have fought for since the beginning of the legislative session. It also includes a number of tax cuts for business which will help improve the economy and increase jobs in the state, such as a phase out of the property tax on manufacturing machinery and equipment.

We also increased deposits in the Rainy Day Fund from \$39 million to \$190 million, which boosts the fund to \$800 million. The budget deal also fully funds the Teachers' Pension Fund with an additional \$245 million. The final budget is also under the constitutionally mandated spending cap in both years.

CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS WORK 132 DAYS OUT OF THE YEAR JUST TO PAY THEIR TAXES

Connecticut



May 12

National Avg.



Apr. 26

Alabama



Apr. 11

Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. Jun. Jul.

“Lowering your tax burden is a top priority of mine.”

For Seniors/Veterans/Healthcare

A new law allows towns to freeze property taxes on homes owned by people age 70 or older. Homeowner-companion agencies must now register with the Department of Consumer Protection and employees must undergo background checks. Legislation will protect jobs and finances of National Guard members who are called up for state service such as natural disasters, just as they would if called up for national service. The legislature updated Connecticut law on end of life decisions, hospital-acquired infections and umbilical cord blood banking.



Representative Caron
debates legislation
on the floor of
the House of
Representatives

The Cost of Energy

Despite a 22% increase on ratepayers having been implemented this year, and power consumers continuing to be gouged by rising costs, the legislative majority blocked a proposal that would reduce the public utilities gross earning tax on electric and power companies. I supported this proposal that would have reduced the gross earnings tax by 41%, and saved ratepayers roughly \$60 million annually.

There were also attempts to address the spiking cost of gasoline including a proposal to temporarily repeal the 25 cents a gallon state gasoline tax between Memorial Day and Labor Day. These proposals were also defeated despite a nearly \$700 million budget surplus.

Jobs for the 21st Century

This year I supported a jobs bill that aims at improving Connecticut's stagnant economy and increasing jobs in the state. House Republicans offered a handful of amendments which would have improved the bill. One such amendment would require that the General Assembly's non-partisan Office of Fiscal Analysis prepare an economic impact statement on bills that would impact businesses in the state. Another would have sped up the property tax relief in the bill for manufacturing equipment, which is scheduled to phase out over five years. The amendments were defeated on a mostly party-line vote.

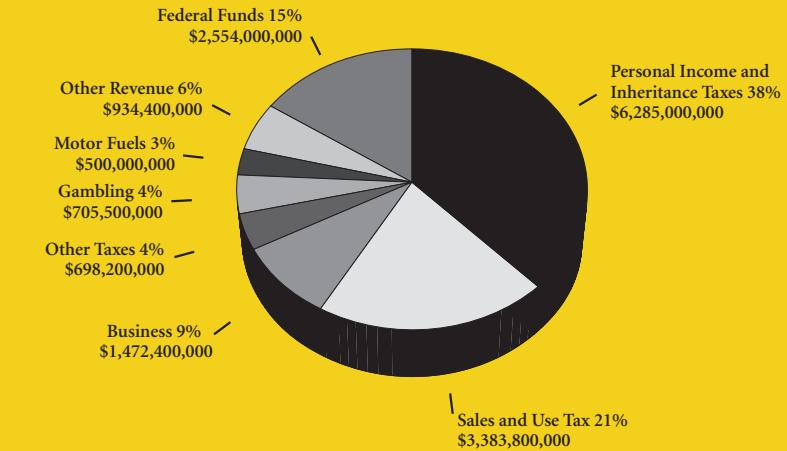
Eminent Domain

The Kelo v. New London case highlighted the need for reform of the state's eminent domain laws. I worked this session to prevent the seizure of land and homes for use by private developers, however the majority insisted on continuing to "study" the issue for a year. As a result, no meaningful reform has been made to prevent such seizures from taking place.

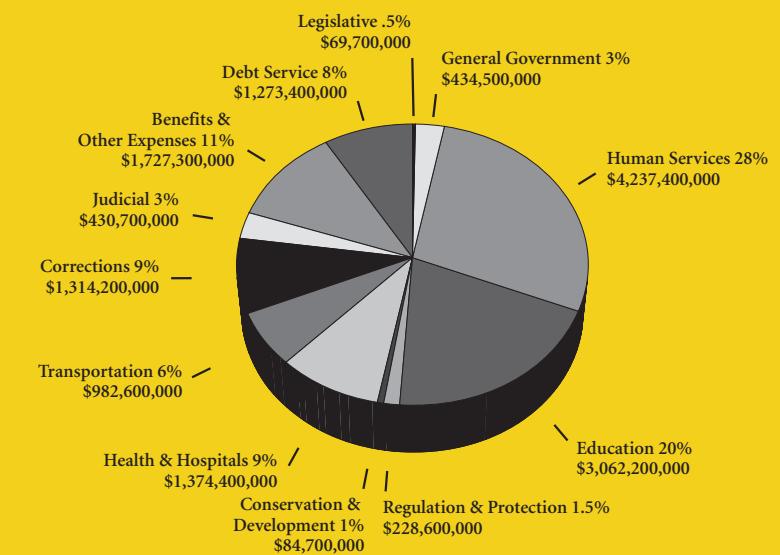
BUDGET ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

The 2006 general fund and the special transportation fund spends \$15.2 billion.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



*In addition to an expected surplus, the difference between expenditures and revenues is due to tax refunds.